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HACKING OF ARMED FORCES SITES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of hacking of sites of armed forces have been increasing constantly;

(b) if so, whether in 70 per cent cases of hacking of information pen drives have been used;and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government for ensuring cyber security in armed forces?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) While threats of hacking attempts have increased, adequate safeguards to protect systems of armed forces through air gapped computers and intranets have been undertaken.

(b) Use of pen drives on internet computers is restricted and governed by strict Cyber Security Policy.

(c) Sufficient safeguards have been built into place for ensuring cyber security in armed forces in the form of audits, physical checks and policy guidelines. Defence Services have established Cyber Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) to prevent and react to hacking attempts.